

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
August 7, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Michael Spinks

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Asst. Supt., Roger Freeman, and Chief Marshal Richard Foutch.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the previous minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Carla English spoke about the traffic problems along Hillside. She stated there were multiple problems, such as speed, noise, and disregard for signs, specifically at West & Hillside. After observing these problems, and tracking numbers of times she noted violations, she contacted the Spencer Police, where she talked to Officer Tinsley. He did go down to the corner and observed traffic for about 35 minutes. During that time, 42 cars passed, and she said not one made a stop, but they were not cited for not stopping. She also discussed semi-truck traffic that exceeds the weight limit. Jon Stantz said nothing could be done about that during the construction period, because they have no other access. She also pointed out the additional traffic that will be coming with the return of school. After further discussion, Ms. English asked for contacts with INDOT so she could research this further herself.

Don Kivett asked about the progress on the Demil property. Mr. Lorenz reported that the preliminary hearing for injunction will be held on August 29th at 2:00 p.m.

Chief Foutch presented a request for an event to be held on August 25th from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. on behalf of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. The will be a fish fry to take place at the Spencer Police department bay and lot. He is requesting that the streets be closed between Morgan and the alley.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event, the motion was seconded and passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported the next meeting will be on August 16th. He also is looking at other organizations that work with affordable housing. At the last meeting, a representative from Harmony Housing LLC spoke to the group.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Roger Freeman had nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the maintenance of the plant and collection.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

In regard to the Rental Registration Ordinance, Mr. Lorenz will incorporate all the housing codes and bring it back for approval once the full text can be reviewed.

Jon Stantz inquired about the liens against the property owned by Lois West. She sold on contract, but it will revert back to her. Jon asked about removing penalties for her, and this can be done.

Lastly, Mr. Lorenz presented a termination agreement between the Town and an employee for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to enter into the agreement, it was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Dean stated that he has not received the letter he sent to the Commissioner of INDOT. He will follow up on that.

The Downtown Streetscape has been delayed until August 14th, and it will begin on the west side of Main Street.

Some further discussion took place about the traffic when school is in. A solution may be to change the parking to alleviate some problems.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Mike Spinks received a letter about a South Central Opioid Conference to be held in Monroe County later on. Jon Stantz suggest that it be sent to Stan Frank for sharing.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ

Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ MICHAEL SPINKS

Michael Spinks, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer